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Hello, I'm Joe Farrow, Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol. Thank you for joining us today to talk about the very important subject of workplace violence. This problem continues to plague workers across all sectors of the labor force. Government workers are targeted as much as workers in the private industry. Everyone should be able to work without fear of violence or harassment. It is a serious problem that requires everyone's commitment to help prevent. Violence and harassment are never tolerated and must be dealt with immediately. Report incidents of violence to your supervisor. If you are in immediate danger at anytime, dial 911 for help. The California Highway Patrol is committed to eliminating workplace violence. But we need your help. The ultimate goal is to attain a safe and healthy environment. We can't do it alone. It is our hope, that through an ongoing dialog with law enforcement personnel, as in this webinar, you will be better informed about the precautions you can take to make yourself less likely to be a victim. I hope you will benefit from the following presentation by Officer Richard Fuentes. Thank you for your participation and commitment to eliminating this serious problem.